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5. Mr. Hart Perry, of the Bureau of the Budget, called to ask what the status of the Mansfield resolution was and our views on it so that he could be abreast of the matter. I told him that basically we were taking no public position on the resolution in view of the fact that it was a Congressional matter within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Congress. I pointed out, however, that in our opinion our parent committee was the Armed Services Committee in each House, and that we had talked with the Senate Armed Services Committee in connection with the resolution. He asked that if the Agency was requested to comment formally on the resolution it would, in accordance with regulations, clear the reply through the Bureau of the Budget, and I assured him that we would do so. Subsequent to this conversation, an official request for comment from the Senate Rules Committee has come in, and this office will undertake to prepare the necessary drafts for the DCI's consideration upon his return. [ ] tells me that Gen. Cabell suggests that we inform the Committee clerk that the DCI is away and that we would like to hold up our answer until he returns.

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